

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 28, as follows:

A basic operation of the system for food management will now be described. For example, when purchased by or delivered to the user, a food is put into the refrigerator-freezer 5. The radio tag information receiving section 18 of the refrigerator-freezer 5 receives a food identification code transmitted from the radio tag 17 affixed to the food. A food managing operation is executed on the basis of the received data. The control circuit 12 of the refrigerator-freezer 5 refers to the user food data base 7 to determine whether the received food identification code is new. When the user food data base 7 contains the food identification code, data of the food identification code is copied to be added to the user food data base. When the received food identification code is new, the control circuit 12 accesses via the public telephone line and the Internet 9 to the main data server 1, downloading data of the food in the main food data base 2 and adding the data of the food to the user food data base 7. The main food data base 2 employs a data structure as shown in FIG. 4A and the user food data base 7 employs a data structure as shown in FIG. 4B. The main food data base 2 differs from the user food data base 7 in that information about food in the ~~main~~ user data base ~~2~~ 7 contains information about a set or reset state of the stock flag. The data structure is composed of a head food identification code, data of a food name, data of food, cooking data, etc. The data of food includes information about materials, composition, calorie, pull date, etc. The cooking data includes information about cooking conditions under which the microwave oven 6 carries out an automatic cooking for the food. The information is stored for every cooking menu.